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TOPIC Soviet and Polish Troops at Stettin

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1. Prior to November 1950, many Polish Army soldiers but very few Polish sailors were seen in the streets of Stettin (O 54/Q 55). The Soviet troops stationed in Stettin seldom appeared in public.

2. Military offices and a dispensary were located in a four-story building at 113 Aleja Wojska Polskiego, formerly Falkenwalderstrasse.

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 The office was apparently affiliated with the Soviet administration of the free port.

3. Fatigue details of about 60 Soviet soldiers were employed in the western portion of the free port. An undetermined number of other troops were also quartered there. In November 1950, Major Limonovski, (fnu), who succeeded an officer named Shikovski, (fnu), was in charge of the Soviet free port.

4. According to Poles, a corps headquarters was located at Stettin. It was allegedly scheduled to move to Koeslin (O 55/M 45) in July or August 1950, did not know whether the movement had been effected. (1)

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5. The former German Artillerie Kaserne south of the city center was occupied by Polish troops. The barracks installation was located on both sides of ul. Potulicka, formerly Bellevuestrasse, and bordered on ul. Narutowicza, formerly Friedrichstrasse, on the north, and on ul. Gen. Sowinskiego and ul. Czarneckiego, formerly Koernerstrasse and Muehlenbergstrasse respectively, on the south. The gutted former Prussian Fort was about 300 meters west of the barracks installation. The troops practiced on the training grounds adjoining the barracks installation to the south. Another barracks installation occupied by Polish troops was located next to the Artillerie Kaserne. The former Alte Grenadier Kaserne which was north of the Artillerie Kaserne was to quarter Polish troops also. This barracks installation was bounded by ul. Narutowicza, ul. Potulicka, ul. Sambara, and ul. Kopernika, formerly Kurfuerstenstrasse. (2)

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6. A former military quarters on ul. Macieja Rataja, formerly Pasewalker Chaussee, was occupied by students and no longer used for military purposes. (3)

7. Polish troops wearing khaki uniforms were quartered in one of the barracks

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installations located east of the Kreckow suburb. Horse-drawn military vehicles were repeatedly seen with the troops. (4)

8. A Polish signal-communications detail of about 20 troops wearing khaki uniforms was quartered in the former apartment house at 14a ul. Wl. Czajkowskiego, formerly Altdammerstrasse, about 2.5 km from the bridge across the Parnitz River. The detail was repeatedly observed doing line construction.
9. A WOP (Border Guard Corps) unit of company strength, wearing khaki uniforms and caps with green bands, was quartered in the three-story building of a former asphalt shingle factory, which had a street frontage of about 40 meters and was located on Altdammerstrasse near the Czech (sic) harbor. The border guard troops were apparently hand-picked personnel and were more disciplined than Polish Army troops.

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 Comments.

- (1) The designation "corps headquarters" is the approximate equivalent of an MD headquarters. However, since no MD headquarters is carried in Stettin, it may have been the Hq 12th Inf Div which was confirmed there prior to mid-1949. No information has been received on a transfer of the division headquarters.
- (2) No information is available on the occupation of these former German barracks installations.
- (3) Possibly the former Neue Artillerie Kaserne.
- (4) Large barracks installations are located east of Kreckow with Soviet troops occupying those on the east side of Mickiewicza and WOP troops those on the west side of the street.

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